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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Mr. Gary Walsh Executive Director South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Budget Phone, Inc.

Docket No. 1999-512-C; Tariff Revisions to Tariff No. 1

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Pursuant to staff request, attached please find for filing an original and one (1) copy of tariff revisions to Budget Phone, Inc.'s Local Exchange Tariff No. 1.

I have also enclosed an **extra copy of this filing** to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (678-775-2253) or email (ajanssen@telecomcounsel.com).

Respectfully sobmitted,

Angela Janssen, Legal Assistant to

Lance J.M. Steinhart

Attorney for Budget Phone, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ron Munn

CHECK SHEET

The Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheets. Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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^{*} New or Revised Sheet

3.1.2 The rates for local service and custom calling services are outlined below:

Local Phone Service	Rate schedule 4.B	
BellSouth Markets		
Monthly Charges		
Monthly Access Fee	\$59.95	(I)
	\$49.95 w/ prompt pay discount	(I)
Deluxe Unlimited Voice Plan	\$79.95	(I)
	\$69.95 w/ prompt pay discount	(I)
Deluxe Voice Plan	\$79.95	(N)
	\$69.95 w/ prompt pay discount	(N)
Bonus Plan	\$59.95	
	\$49.95 w/ prompt pay discount	(N)
Custom Calling Features (Monthly)		
Call Forwarding	\$ 5.00	
Call Waiting	\$ 5.00	
Three-Way Calling	\$ 5.00	
Non-published Number	\$ 5.00	
Speed Dialing	\$ 5.00	
Call Return	\$ 8.00	
Caller ID	\$10.00	
Local Optional Service	\$20.00	
Inside Wiring	\$ 4.99	
Service Initiation Charges		
Non - Recurring Charge	\$40.00	(N)
Activation Fee	\$20.00	
Transfer	\$39.95	
Number Change	\$30.00	
Calling Feature	\$15.00	

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3.1.3 Budget Phone Bonus Plan

The Budget Phone Bonus Plan is a bundled pre-paid residential service Plan offered on a flat or measured rate basis. The Bonus Plan, along with its individual components, is available in the BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon exchanges of South Carolina. Budget Phone reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to alter, change, or substitute individual features. Customers must access Budget Phone's Long Distance platform by first dialing a toll free number and then must dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. The Plan includes 250 minutes of continental intrastate long distance usage for the first two (2) consecutive months of service (certain restrictions, as outlined below, do apply). The customer has the option to continue to receive 250 minutes of continental intrastate long distance usage for an additional charge of \$5.00 per billing cycle. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customers monthly bill.

The Bonus Plan includes the following (available on a where offered basis):

- (1) Local dial-tone line
- (2) Call Waiting
- (3) Call Forwarding
- (4) Three Way Calling
- (5) Caller ID
- (6) Call Return
- (7) 250 minutes of long distance for calls terminating within the continental United States (included at no addition charge for the first two (2) consecutive months of service)

3.1.4 Budget Phone Deluxe Unlimited Voice Plan

The Budget Phone Deluxe Unlimited Voice package is offered to all residential customers in the BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon exchanges of South Carolina as defined by the Incumbents tariff on file with the Commission and includes: a) a residence dial tone line on a flat or measured rate basis; and (b) unlimited access that does not exceed 2,000 minutes to intra and interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States, per billing cycle. Customers must access Budget Phone's Long Distance platform by first dialing a toll free number and then must dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customers monthly bill.

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3.1.5 Budget Phone Deluxe Voice Plan

The Budget Phone Deluxe Voice Plan is offered to all residential customers in the BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon exchanges of South Carolina as defined by each Incumbents tariff on file with the Commission and includes: a) a residence dial tone line on a flat or measured rate basis (b) unlimited access that does not exceed 2,000 minutes to intra and interstate Long Distance Voice calling within the Continental United States, per billing cycle; and (c) the following five (5) Custom Calling Features: Caller ID, Call Return, Call Waiting, Three-way Calling and Call Forwarding ¹. Customers must access Budget Phone's Long Distance Voice platform by first dialing a toll free number and then must dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customers monthly bill.

¹ Custom Calling Features are offered where facilities and equipment allow. All features may not be available in all central office switches.

3.1.6 Customer Eligibility Criteria

New and existing customers are eligible for these plans if they meet the following requirements:

- A. Customers must subscribe to Budget Phone Local and Long Distance service for both intra and interstate long distance service
- B. This plan is for voice service only and cannot be used for any use deemed inconsistent with residential use by Budget Phone.
- C. This plan is not available to customers with an account that bills to another number or is the recipient of charges billed from another number.

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- D. Customer lines associated with educational institutions (colleges, universities, etc) or businesses are not eligible for this plan.
- E. Unlimited access to long distance is for residential voice telephone service only and usage does not include multi-party conference calls, calls to 900 numbers, directory assistance, calling card, operator services, international calling, toll free numbers, chat rooms, telemarketing, commercial, facsimile (commercial), internet, automated dialing, special interest lines, and other non-residential use.
- F. Unlimited access to long distance is not available for resale.
- G. If Budget Phone determines that usage is not consistent with typical residential customer usage, the customer, at the sole discretion of the company, may be subject to additional charges, loss of unlimited access to long distance service, or to an alternate plan.
- H. For the purpose of the Deluxe Voice and Deluxe Unlimited Voice plans, typical residential usage is presumed to be total usage that does not exceed 2,000 minutes of intra and interstate usage per billing cycle, per account. Budget Phone's long distance platform will automatically deny calls on accounts that have used the allowed 2,000 minutes. Customers who wish to continue unlimited access to long distance on Budget Phone's platform can purchase additional blocks of time, in the form of Budget Phone pre-paid calling cards, from an authorized Budget Phone agent.
- I. In order to be eligible for this plan, Budget Phone reserves the right to verify that the customer meets the eligibility requirements. Customers who do not or no longer meet the eligibility requirements will not be eligible for this plan.
- J. Budget Phone reserves the right to exclude certain terminating telephone numbers from this plan.

3.1.7 Lifeline

1. Applicability:

a. Lifeline discounts are applicable to local exchange services provided to eligible residential Applicants.

2. Territory:

a. Within the base rate areas of all BellSouth, Sprint, and Verizon exchanges as shown and defined in the Incumbent LEC's current and effective Tariffs on file with the Commission.

3. Discounts:

a. Lifeline is provided as a reduction of the subscriber's access line rate for local service in amounts equal to the sum of the state and/or federal approved and supported credits.

4. Terms and Conditions:

- a. Lifeline is provided only to the customer's principle residence
- b. One low-income credit is available per household and applicable to the primary residential connection only. The named subscriber must be a current recipient of any of the low-income assistance programs identified in 5 following.
- c. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received proof of eligibility.
- d. When, for any reason, a customer is determined to be ineligible the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline account will be disconnected.
- e. Certification of eligibility in any of the qualifying lowincome assistance programs will be required for any account that has been disconnected prior to the reestablishment of the service.

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5. Eligible low-income assistance programs:

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a. The eligible low-income assistance programs are the same as those defined in the Incumbent LEC's current and effective Tariffs on file with the Commission.

3.1.8 Link-Up

- 1. Link-Up is a connection assistance program, which provides for the reduction of applicable charges associated with connection of telephone service.
- 2. The applicant must meet the requirements for qualification for Lifeline Telephone Service.

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3.4.4 Prompt Pay Discount

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Residential customers who pay their account balance in full on or before the account due date will receive a Prompt Pay Discount in the amount of \$10.00. In anticipation of timely payment, the Prompt Pay Discount is applied to the customers account at the time of billing.

The Prompt Pay Discount will be removed from an account where payment in full has not been received by the due date.

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